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Art Unit: 1636

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FOR: POLYNUCLEOTIDE ENCODING A NOVEL HUMAN POTASSIUM
CHANNEL BETA-SUBUNIT, K+betaM6, EXPRESSED HIGHLY
IN THE SMALL INTESTINE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT


Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 26, 2002, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Group I drawn to an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising SEQ ID NO:1 in its variant forms, vector, host cell, a method of making, and a method of diagnosing a pathological condition by determining the presence or absence of a mutation in the polynucleotide. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. Applicants response is timely and no extensions are necessary.

If any fee is due in connection herewith, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-3880 of the undersigned. Furthermore, if any extension of time not already accounted for is required, such extension is hereby petitioned for, and it is requested that any fee due for said extension be charged to the above-stated Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly enter the following amendments to the above captioned application.

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace page 216, with the following new page 216: